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MARGINAL COLUMN By GEORGE LEONOF

The Foreign Ministers now in Geneva manage to pass company without a special declaration by either side that there is no basis for further high-level talks, they will have achieved about as much as was seriously expected of them. It is clear that there has been no "meeting of minds" on any of the four major problems which they were to explore for the possibility of compromise — Berlin, German reunification, a German peace treaty and European security. The end-game moves now being contemplated in Geneva are no longer to be concerned with any of these questions, and the Foreign Ministers are more occupied in seeking to reconcile the Western position, that a summit conference must be justified by reasonable progress at Geneva — with the Russian contention that only the heads of state can hope to make such progress. As for the general belief that the Soviet Union wants and needs a summit conference more than the Western countries, that is an assumption which has never been convincingly elevated, and may require closer examination.

It is true that Moscow has been constantly pressing for talks on the highest level, even before Mr. Khrushchev conferred the "erased" label on Berlin last November. The Russian explanation was that East-West disputes are both numerous and so intricately interwoven that they could be untangled, even partially, only by top executives capable of taking decisions of the most far-reaching nature without the constant interference of the various ministries. Since, however, the Russians themselves admit that there is no agreement even on how to approach the various problems, it does not explain why the Foreign Ministers cannot usefully run off some of the bothersome but necessary details.

WHAT is nearer the mark is that Mr. Khrushchev believes he can breathe easier at the summit than the Western counterparts. There is no attempt on the part of the U.S. to conceal that the various Western states and Germany do not see eye to eye on all aspects of the "four major problems." The Russians are also well aware of the various Western pressures inherent in the parliamentary system which make it difficult, and deliberately so, for even Presidents and Prime Ministers to commit themselves at international conferences without preliminary, lower level talks to indicate the alternatives they would face. Particularly on the question of Germany, the Kremlin could hope that if a summit conference were held in the present situation, it might succeed in widening the differences in opinion known to exist among Western statesmen.

ON the other hand, the Russians may be less interested in keeping a conference on Germany going, unless it is on their own terms. It is the West which supports the status quo, and the Russians who propose to change it — something they could not do while talks are under way. Mr. Gromyko has said nothing in Geneva so far which would indicate that he had come to the party for any other purpose than to make a demonstrative "concession" to the Western demand that a Foreign Ministers conference must precede the summit, and that, in having thus satisfied the Western "whim," Mr. Khrushchev is entitled either to a summit conference or to act as he has proposed to act in signing a separate agreement with Eastern Germany.

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France to Blacklist Firms Aiding Rebels

PARIS (Reuter). — Prime Minister Michel Debré told the Senate on Tuesday he would publish the names of firms placed on a government "black list" for aiding the Algerian insurgents.

Three categories of firms are on the black list, he said: "Finally, we can have recourse to reprisal measures by stopping the activity of certain firms — although the Government has no power to do so outside France."

The Prime Minister mentioned no country or firm by name. He said the Government would distinguish between shippers in the Mediterranean area acting in good faith and the "habitual intermediaries."

The most prominent names on the blacklist, according to informed sources in Paris, are those of firms which supply goods ranging from arms and radio sets to thick-soled rubber shoes and insulated wire snippers for penetrating the electrified barriers along the Algerian frontier.

M. Debré said the procedure of the Government was following was to alert the state concerned and ask for information. "Finally, we can have recourse to reprisal measures by stopping the activity of certain firms — although the Government has no power to do so outside France."

Senator Lafay mentioned German Italian and Swiss firms as among those aiding the Algerian insurgents.

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Cairo Radio yesterday reported that the detention of the large Toff and confiscation of its Israel cargo were among questions discussed between Abdul Nasser and the Premier of Morocco, Mohammed Ibrahim, in a meeting Tuesday night.

The radio said that the same questions were discussed in separate meetings held on Monday and Tuesday between the U.A.R. authorities and Foreign Minister Subandrio of Indonesia, and diplomatic representatives of Pakistan, India, Yugoslavia, the Lebanon, Jordan, and Iraq.

Meanwhile, various reports from U.A.R. sources alleged that 30 soldiers in northern Iraq have been killed in recent clashes with rioting Kurds.

Belgrade Assures Paris on Algeria

PARIS (Reuter). — France has received assurances from the Yugoslav Government that it does not intend to recognize the "Algerian Provisional Government," a Foreign Ministry spokesman said on Tuesday.

"We shall wait and see whether these assurances are maintained," the spokesman said. "If Belgrade recognized the so-called Algerian Provisional Government, we would not hesitate to take the necessary measures — that is to say, break off diplomatic relations," he added.

The French Government was "shocked" at the reception given by the Yugoslavs to Ferhat Abbas, "Prime Minister" of the rebel regime, on his recent visit to Belgrade, and considered that they had "gone beyond all limits," the spokesman added.

That is why the French Ambassador, M. Vincent Broustra, was recalled to Paris for consultations, the spokesman said. The Ambassador would stay in Paris for an unspecified period.

Dag Leaving For Cairo on Friday

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

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U.A.R. Envoy in Mexico Hits Meir Statement

MEXICO CITY (UPI). — Middle East controversies flared here on Tuesday as a U.A.R. spokesman challenged statements of Mrs. Golda Meir, visiting Israel Foreign Minister.

Mrs. Meir was scheduled to wind up her six-day state visit yesterday, leaving by plane for Panama.

Mohammed Ibrahim Kamel, U.A.R. Charge d'Affaires, told issue with Mrs. Meir's statements that the U.A.R. considered the Suez Canal a "private body of water."

"Israel is an imperialist project and agent of colonialism and best proof of that is when it mobilized its forces in aggression on Egypt," he said. "It was supported by the military forces of England and France," Kamel declared. "Mexican newspapers have unanimously paid tribute to Mrs. Meir, acknowledging her brilliance and diplomatic astuteness."

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Farewell is said by General Ne Win to Prime Minister Ben-Gurion at Lydda Airport at end of his eight-day visit. Behind is Rav-Aluf Haim Laskov speaking to Col. Bo Lwin (hidden). Next to Mr. Ben-Gurion is Aluf-Mishne Yehuda Prihar who served as General Ne Win's aide.

Ne Win Given Warm Send-Off At Thronged Lydda Airport

By MARK SEGAL, Jerusalem Post Reporter

LYDDA AIRPORT. — With a warm handshake and renewed expressions of friendship, the Burmese Prime Minister, General Ne Win, bade farewell to Prime Minister Ben-Gurion on Tuesday, and departed for his home in Burma.

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West Making Russia 'Last Offer' Today on Interim Berlin Solution

2 Migs Attack U.S. Plane; Gunner Hit

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — Silver MIG jet fighters with red star markings attacked an American naval patrol plane off North Korea on Tuesday, and seriously wounded the tail gunner, the U.S. Defence Department announced.

Two planes were believed to have taken part in the attack, which was made over international waters, the statement said.

"Skillful handling" by the pilot brought the naval plane back safely to its Japanese base, it added.

The Defence Department said the incident occurred about 85 miles east of Wonsan, North Korea.

Radio reports said the jets attacked without warning, firing tracer ammunition, the announcement said.

The plane was hit in the tail section and followed the Navy plane to within 50 feet of the water as it took evasive action.

The tail gunner in the U.S. plane was seriously wounded as his gun was knocked out in the first run. He was the only casualty reported.

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Expect 'No' from Gromyko

GENEVA (Reuter). — The Western powers on Tuesday drew up their "last offer" to Russia on an interim Berlin settlement and agreed that if the Soviet reply is negative, the Big Four conference here should end as quickly as possible, an authoritative American source said here.

The source said that as there were already indications that the Soviet reaction would be negative, the five-week-old conference appeared to have "no future."

The West's "last offer" is in essence a formalized draft of its earlier proposals for a Berlin settlement.

The Western position, according to the U.S. source, was still that an interim Berlin settlement was a prerequisite for a summit conference. The West would not go to the summit with the threat of unilateral action hanging over its head.

An official U.S. spokesman said the West's proposals would be handed over to Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko by Wednesday morning (today).

The Yugoslav leader will also confer with Prime Minister Karamanlis, and is expected to sign a series of new agreements on economic cooperation, frontier control, transport, compensation and other subjects.

Cooperation in the Balkans and recent Soviet bloc proposals for a Balkan atomic zone and a Balkan Prime Ministers conference will also be reviewed.

Yugoslavia, which has no atomic bases, is reported to be worried about the siting of Soviet bases in neighboring countries. Italy has already accepted U.S. rockets, Greece is reported to be on the verge of doing so, and Russia has threatened to retaliate with launching ramps in Albania and Rumania.

Other Western sources said Mr. Gromyko appeared tough and rigid and reiterated Moscow's determination to end the occupation regime in West Berlin. They said Mr. Gromyko indicated that the Soviet Union would not budge on this position, which is completely unacceptable to the West.

A French spokesman said the new Western document could serve as a basis of agreement to justify a summit meeting. But if the Russians did not accept the proposals it would mean the end of the present talks.

The main points covered by the Western proposal are believed to be:

1. Reaffirmation of the West's right to be in West Berlin and to have access to it.

2. An offer to make improvements in the existing Berlin situation. This would include a limited reduction of Western forces.

3. A readiness to examine complaints of propaganda excesses and "subversive activities" in both East and West Berlin.

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Haifa Port	22	27	27	27
Tel Aviv Kirya	22	27	27	27
Tel Aviv Port	22	27	27	27
Lydda Airport	22	27	27	27
Jerusalem	22	27	27	27
Sidon	22	27	27	27
Beirut	22	27	27	27

(A) Humidity at 8 p.m. (B) Maximum temperature (C) Minimum temperature (D) Maximum temperature as forecast

ARRIVALS

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Weiss, of Chicago; Mr. David Kohn, of Atlanta, Georgia; and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Berlin, of Boston, Mass., all U.S.A. workers.

DEPARTURES

Mr. Moshe Haim Shapiro, M.P. for New York, to attend conference of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis and the Young Israel Organization, (by El Al).

A group of Air Force officers, en route to France, for the bi-annual "plane show" (salon), (by Olympic).

Mrs. Rebecca Shulman, past-President of Hadassah, for New York, after attending the Zionist General Council, (by B.E.A.).

Mr. Philip Khatami, former President of Hapoel Hatzair, (by B.E.A.).

Mr. Fred Moroson, after a three-month visit, (by Air France).

MANDELBAUM GATE will be closed from the Jordan side for the next three days owing to Id el Adha (Feast of Sacrifice), the Old City paper, "Palestine," reported on Tuesday.

SOME DOZEN persons were injured in a night between the Druse and Christian villagers in Marj village in Upper Galilee yesterday, which began with a personal dispute between two members of the groups.

HAIFA RAFFEL defeated Haifa's 14th day for the Danneberg Trophy on Monday night, and not as incorrectly reported yesterday.

Water Drilling In Arava Abandoned

ELIAT - Drilling for water in the granite rock of the Arava was abandoned Tuesday after tests showed that the sweet water at the site was not present in sufficient quantities.

All the drill equipment, owned by Mekorot, will be shipped back north.

At the same time, the U.S. expert in charge of the tests, Mr. James Scott, plans to stay on and drill further.

He hopes to find quantities of water that will justify the \$1,500,000 investment in the tests. (Him)

Ben-Ephraim Held Another 15 Days

TEL AVIV - A second 15-day remand order was issued Tuesday for Ben-Ephraim, former Elit Municipal Treasurer, accused of forging cheques and notes. Ben-Ephraim has been under detention since June 1. (Him)

Shooting Justified, Kerala Chief Says

TRIVANDRUM, Kerala State, India (Reuter). - More than 500 persons courted arrest on Tuesday by picketing Government educational institutions as agitation to pull down the state's Communist Government continued for the fourth day.

Twelve persons have been killed by police bullets since the "non-violent" campaign began last Saturday.

The Chief Minister, Mr. E.M.S. Namboodiripad, said on Tuesday his Government thought police were justified in firing on crowds campaigning against his Communist Government.

Mr. Namboodiripad told a press conference: "So far as the Government is concerned, the facts regarding the incidents are clear and if there is any other version, it will come up in the courts." He ruled out any inquiry into the police firings.

According to official reports, the situation was comparatively quiet throughout the state yesterday. Police rounded up 163 people for picketing in front of public offices. The Central Government had named the Secretary-General of the ruling Congress Party, Mr. Sadiq Ali, to make an on-the-spot study of the situation.

Mr. Namboodiripad said that the demand for the resignation of his Ministry was "something which cannot be conceded. If they want us to quit at the point of a bayonet, then it is something different."

With deep sorrow we announce the sudden death of our beloved mother, grandmother and sister

PAULA ASPEL
(nee Mann)

JEANNE BIRNBAUM, London
J. ROSS FAMILY, Ramat Gan
S. MANN FAMILY, New York

In deep sorrow we announce the death of the head of our family

DAVID CEGLA

who passed away on Tuesday after prolonged illness in his 82nd year.

The funeral will leave today (Wednesday) at 4:00 p.m. from the "Rama" synagogue, 159-161 Rehov Ben Yehuda, Tel Aviv, for the Nahlat Yitzhak cemetery.

MIRIAM CEGLA
JUDA AND LOTTE CEGLA
Dr. WOLFGANG CEGLA
ABA AND LUCKY CEGLA
and Grandchildren, Tel Aviv.

Knesset Bill to Ban Election 'Circuses' in Party Campaigns

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Entertainment programmes, torchlight parades, and the use of loudspeakers (except to amplify the voice of a speaker at a meeting) are among the electioneering methods forbidden by a bill which passed its first reading in the Knesset last night.

The Election Bill (Propaganda Methods) had its second reading in the Knesset last night. The bill, introduced by Mr. Ezra Ichilov (General Zionists), Mr. Yigal Alon (Abdud Ha'avoda), and Mr. Haim Cohn (Mapai).

In view of the fact that some of the bill's provisions are supposed to take effect 150 days before the elections (which means today, since the elections are scheduled for November 17), several speakers in yesterday's debate urged that all parties cooperate in the Law Commission to pass the bill as quickly as possible.

The chairman of the Law Commission, Dr. Z. Warhaftig, who presented the bill yesterday, noted that both in Britain and the U.S. the only restriction on electioneering involved the amount of campaign expenditure. This had not proved too successful, he said. The present bill does not limit expenditure, but does restrict the campaign period and the forms of electioneering.

The use of aircraft or boats for propaganda purposes is outlawed. So is the use of lights or illuminated signs, except for the letter and official designation of the party list.

Among the forms of entertainment forbidden are the showing of films, artistic performances, playing musical instruments and singing. Gifts may not be distributed for propaganda purposes, nor may food or beverages be offered, except at meetings in private homes.

One of the controversial sections of the bill - which is opposed by Mapai - bans the showing of newsreels during the 30 days preceding polling day, in which any candidate for election appears.

Posters may not be affixed or slogans written on buildings, fences, vehicles, roads or sidewalks. The size of posters on regular buildings is limited to 70x50 cm, they may not be in more than two colours and must bear the name and address of the printer and of the person responsible for ordering them.

No Unfair Interference Also forbidden is "unfair interference" with the electioneering of rival parties. The Chairman of the Central Election Board is authorized to allot radio time to each party. Each will receive 25 minutes, but parties represented in the Third Knesset will get an additional four minutes for each of their M.K.s.

In general, the bill applies to Municipal as well as to Knesset elections. Violators of the law are liable to six months in prison or a fine of \$1,000.

The consensus in the debate was that the bill is, on the whole, excellent, although some members said that it did not go far enough.

Mr. Alon, for example, said he would have preferred a bill which limited campaign expenditure. Mr. Ichilov, who introduced the bill, said that the bill was needed against pressure and intimidation. Mr. Ichilov, who introduced the bill, said that the bill was needed against pressure and intimidation.

Mr. Baruch Azaria (Mapai) could not see the logic in the wish of other parties to prevent the public from seeing the leading personalities of the State when national events are depicted on the screen. But Mr. Yosef Shoshan (Herut) said it was no national event "if somebody eats radishes with D-Hammarskjold at Sde Boker."

Musrara Crash Bus In Good Condition

TEL AVIV - The Chief Police Vehicle Examiner, Paldi Mordechai Bitman, on Tuesday declared in the Ma'ariv newspaper that the Dan bus which careened in Wadi Musrara on October 26, killing 11 passengers, was "from a technical point in good condition."

He was testifying at the trial of the bus driver, Elihu Haffner, 30, who is charged with unintentionally causing the deaths of the victims.

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1-Day Kupa Holim Doctors' Strike

Post Labour Correspondent

TEL AVIV - About 1,000 Kupa Holim physicians throughout the country staged an all-day strike Tuesday in protest against their failure to receive the balance of payments which they claim are due to them from the Sick Fund management.

The strikers who were due for duty last night returned to work at 7 p.m.

The strike delayed the implementation of the new panel system at the Jaffa and Hadassah clinics where, according to the original schedule, it should have been introduced on Tuesday.

Kupa Holim's Central Committee expressed its surprise and shock at the strike in a statement in which it accused the physicians of "lacking a sense of public responsibility."

The Committee explained that it had paid \$12.5m. between January and April as part of the retroactive increase in the physicians' salaries that in over ten years of existence it had adopted only one Basic Law - the Knesset Law.

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The Construction Site of Haifa's New 150,000 k.w. Power Station

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA - A new power station to have two 75,000 k.w. steam turbine generators - the largest units in the region - is now going up near Haifa. One generator will start operating in 1961 and the other in 1962.

The project, which will cost \$200 per k.w., or about \$15.4m. (at the official rate of exchange), is known as "Haifa Two" to distinguish it from the old power station here which started its life in 1934 and has since reached a capacity of 50,000 k.w.

Israel's total capacity is at present 410,000 k.w. It rose to that figure only on Monday when the third of the three new 50,000 k.w. units at Sukreir, south of Tel Aviv, began to channel its current into the national grid.

This year, for the first time and only for a short period, we shall have a power capacity surplus of about 50,000 k.w., the Electric Corporation's General Manager, Mr. Ya'acov Peled, said during a press tour of the construction site. "But this is only a theoretical surplus."

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GENERAL NE WIN, the Prime Minister of Burma, has left us after an eight-day visit during which he worked hard from morning till night to see as much as possible of the country and its people and to meet a considerable number of its leaders on a wide range of questions of mutual interest. The Foreign and Defence Ministries, the armed services, the Histadrut, and others, as well as the general public all joined with Israel's premier in an effort to give our guest a compact picture of both our problems and achievements.

General Ne Win has always been shy of the press, and he has given no interviews. Also, there was no official joint communiqué at his departure and, bearing in mind the informal nature of his talks, any such communiqué would have looked artificial. There can be no doubt, however, that the visit has generated much mutual good will in the finest and clearest sense of the word. The General's farewell message is full of it. He speaks firmly and unequivocally of the "associations between Israel and Burma which are known to all." He "sees an immense value" in his visit, and he "shall be able in the future to appreciate more fully all questions relating to the two countries." He speaks of "admiration and respect" for Israel, and expresses his "firm belief that the bonds of friendship and cooperation between our two countries will grow in strength to strengthen all these are heartwarming simple words, and we could not have asked for any better.

Public opinion in Burma, as expressed through daily editorials in its press, has been wholehearted in its support and encouragement of the Prime Minister's visit.

The General, in his contacts with Israel's leaders and people, has achieved a complete personal triumph. There is every reason to believe that he has charmed everyone: from the President and Prime Minister down, by his obvious sincerity, his straightforwardness, his frankness, and his practical, uninhibited approach to the many topics discussed. He has paid us the greatest possible compliment by leaving no doubts about the confidence he places in Israel as a nation full of true friends. He has left us with the impression that although, of course, we are foreigners to Burma, we are not strangers.

Again, in this he seems clearly supported by his people. This is precisely what Israel has been striving for in its relationship with Burma — and with a number of other countries with whom we share the common language of national reconstruction and development.

General Ne Win's visit will no doubt open new avenues for fruitful cooperation between the two countries in the best spirit of those principles of Bandung to which our neighbours have so far paid no more than lip service.

This newspaper certainly expresses the general view in wishing the Burmese Prime Minister complete success in the hard tasks he has set himself for the brief period still ahead, beyond which he does not wish to retain power.

Nir to Head M.K.'s At Warsaw Parley
Israel's delegation to the congress of the Interparliamentary Union to be held in Warsaw at the end of August will consist of seven Knesset Members, and of the Knesset Clerk, it was announced yesterday by the President.

For the first time, a parliamentary reporter will accompany the delegation which will be headed by Speaker Nahum Nir.

MONEY IN RUSSIA

Spending, Borrowing, Lending — But No Saving

By ANDREW SHONFIELD

who has just returned from the U.S.S.R.

LONDON (OPNS).

AFTER the Bolshevik Revolution in 1917 Russian writers in some of the big restaurants frequented by foreigners in Moscow and Leningrad put up notices warning customers not to insult them by offering them tips. It seems that at that time the taking of tips was regarded as one of the most degrading symbols of the subjection of man to man. Things are very different today.

There is still the official doctrine that tipping is outlawed, and the earnest young women in Intourist tell the foreign visitor firmly that he is never to pay a kopeck more than the price shown on the bill in a restaurant or the meter in a taxi. But the tourist is soon aware of exuding a certain atmosphere of unpopularity if he followed her advice. The Russians themselves are vigorous tippers in any place of entertainment. The minimum rate seems to be about 10 per cent of the bill — or about one rouble (appr. 200 pr.) at the tourist rate (of exchange) for any minor service like a taxi or even a coat in a cloakroom.

In Poland the standard rate seems to be nearer 20 per cent, and the cult of tipping in a taxi is even more vigorously pursued. However, there is no question of any pursuit of the big tip by means of servility or even politeness. It is just expected, and that is that.

Happy-Go-Lucky

Altogether there is a remarkably happy-go-lucky attitude towards the whole question of money. When people have money they spend it and when they don't they borrow it. In Russia there seems to be no shame whatsoever about going to the pawnbroker and exchanging a watch or a suit there in order to obtain some ready cash. The pawnbroking shops are run by the State and offer a very low rate of interest. Before any holiday period, they are usually besieged by people who need ready cash. Then they have been able to save in time.

The standard period during which an article can be left at the pawnbroker's is three months, but this can be extended for another four months. After that it passes into the ownership of the State shop. Of course some people use these shops simply as a convenience for storage. Several women admitted that they put their fur coats into the pawnbroker's regularly every summer. It was the easiest way to store a rather expensive item, especially in a country where house room is so very tight.

Taxis in Warsaw

The habit of spending up to the hilt and letting tomorrow look after itself seems to be equally developed in Poland. When I suggested to the doorkeeper in a Polish Government department on June 2 that he should get me a taxi, he just shook his head and said that it was going to be extraordinarily difficult unless I was prepared to wait for quite a time. Since I was in a hurry the easiest thing for me to do was to walk. I asked why taxis were so short; I had seen a lot of them about on the streets of Warsaw.

"No, they are only short at the beginning of the month," I was told. "During the first few days after people have been paid their monthly salaries they all ride in taxis. None of them would think of going by bus. But after about the middle of the month they are only short at the beginning of the month."

NATURE NOTES

Arsonists on the Wing

ALL firemen firmly allege that a good many of the mysterious brush or forest fires usually laid at the door of the traveller who throws away his glimmering cigarette stub are in reality caused by birds. Dr. Burton, it is stated in this story for reasons of his own — he is an English ornithologist with the Phoenix bird in his bonnet — tried to get to the bottom of it. He has not only found a fireman who had seen a bird committing arson, but here are two facts which seem to make the firemen's belief pretty convincing. Several times, fires broke out in isolated trees, standing in every instance many hundreds of yards away from the road, and far too high to be thrown up by a cigarette.

Dr. Burton's tale rooks (all birds of the raven family) are notoriously fond of gleaming things, and bits of shining metal and jewellery have repeatedly been found in their (or its) picked-up glimmering cigarette ends and flew to pebbles with them. Other tame birds of Dr. Burton's acquaintance, among them a budgetary, went so far as to tear cigarettes out of people's mouths while they were smoking.

So far, no attention has been paid to this oddity by field ornithologists, and in any case, it is of course much harder to observe a wild bird carrying a cigarette in its beak than to observe a man throwing away in the road. But surely the two facts together add up to a convincing whole.

It is usually possible to find a taxi fairly easily, and in the last week of the month they are running around empty looking for passengers.

Several people running shops in Warsaw repeated the same sort of story. There seems to be a kind of monthly trade cycle; people will buy anything that they want at almost any price in the first part of the month, and then stop buying altogether in the second part.

All this produces an attitude towards money which looks rather grand and aristocratic to the solid bourgeois type from Western Europe. Alternatively, if the Western bourgeois feels soured, he may dismiss these people as a lot of feeble and good-for-nothing Slavs. The truth is that in these Soviet societies money counts for much less as an element in the achievement of personal comfort than it does in the capitalist societies. What matters is your job and the status attaching to it. If it is a job with a high status — for example a professor or a senior research worker in one of the scientific institutes, or a journalist or a poet — then it is easy to run a car and have a week-end house outside Moscow.

But if a man just makes a lot of money by trading in one of many semi-legal ways in which it is possible to trade in the Soviet Union, he is barred from most of this. He is not permitted to spend his substance in a hotel, in a restaurant or in a private house.

Finally, one notices a general attitude not only towards the spending of money, but also towards lending it. I came across a man in Moscow the other day who had suddenly been offered a good boon of a new flat — still to be built and available only 18 months from now — by requiring an immediate down payment of 40,000 roubles (IL400 at the tourist rate of exchange). He was desperately keen to take up the offer, and he had sold a lot of things to make up the sum. When I met him he expected quite confidently to be able to collect the several thousand roubles that he still required by borrowing it from friends. There is no means of arranging a personal bank loan.

Expected to Lend

It seems that everyone is expected to lend — when they have money. Undoubtedly, this product of the State shop, of course some people use these shops simply as a convenience for storage. Several women admitted that they put their fur coats into the pawnbroker's regularly every summer. It was the easiest way to store a rather expensive item, especially in a country where house room is so very tight.

Many people who work in Moscow spend several months of the year in a country cottage just outside the city. They close their flats in town and move everything that is mobile into the summer cottage. It is normal practice for such people to take silver and any other valuable and put them into the pawnbroker's. At least there the stuff is safe.

CINEMA DOORS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir — The reply of the manager of the Tel Aviv Cinema regarding cinema exits (today's Jerusalem Post) is an example of the disregard of the customers' comfort and the management's attitude towards them.

As the management is aware of the public's habit of arriving only shortly before

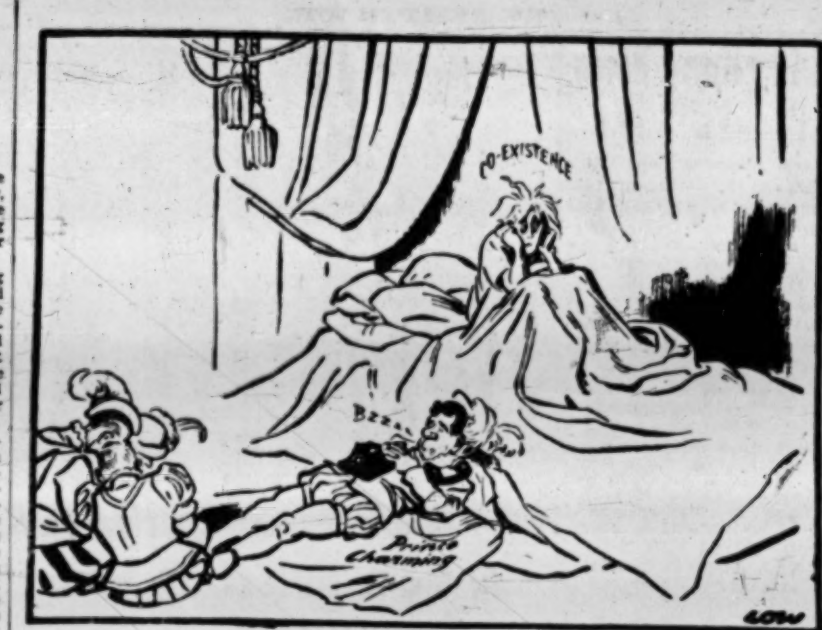
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Readers' Letters

DOCTORS' LOT

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir — With reference to the new Kupat Holim system, may I ask how an arrangement which overburdens the physician (55 patients a day instead of 25-30) can benefit the patient? A doctor is a human being as well, and liable to error and oversight if overstrained.

The photograph "before" (in your issue of June 2) shows patients waiting before a reception window where numbers are handed out for several physicians. The photograph "after" shows the public waiting for a single physician. Even before the introduction of the new system the number of people waiting for one physician was often more than five at a time.

WEARYING TOURISTS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir — As I come into contact with tourists daily, I should like to point out to the responsible authorities that our visitors complain that they are "dragged around" too much. Of course they want to see as much as possible in the short time they are in Israel, but they also want to have a little rest and have some contact with the "human in the street," etc. etc. However, they have hardly any time for this as excursions are planned for them from morning till night.

By the way, this is also detrimental to the souvenir trade.

Yours, etc.
K. ROSENFELD
Haifa, June 3

CINEMA DOORS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir — The reply of the manager of the Tel Aviv Cinema regarding cinema exits (today's Jerusalem Post) is an example of the disregard of the customers' comfort and the management's attitude towards them.

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the performance begins, it should accept this as a fact and make arrangements accordingly. Customers are not children to be educated by the cinema manager and told by the management how long before the beginning of each performance they should arrive. The fact that two doors are sufficient to allow 2,000 people to enter is irrelevant and the remark that more open doors would not change the situation is silly. Simple arithmetic proves that by doubling the number of entrances, the time required for any given number of people to pass through them is cut by half.

I think the licensing authorities should look into this matter so that the customers are assured of the courtesy they deserve, and public order and security maintained.

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(Name and Address Supplied)
Tel Aviv, June 10.

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Yours, etc.
G. K.
(Name and Address Supplied)
Jerusalem, June 8

TEL AVIV GARBAGE

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, Has the Mayor of Tel Aviv ever had the luck to meet a garbage collecting truck in the forenoon? Surely not, for otherwise he would be assured of the courtesy they deserve, and public order and security maintained.

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Strike Spotlights Low Standard Of Cinemas in the Capital

By MACAREE KASKIN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

WHEN the cinema workers' strike broke out last week, four issues were being discussed as part of an agreement.

A pension fund for the workers. The owners agreed to this.

A increase in wages from IL11.500 to IL13.000 a month. The owners agreed — on condition that the workers would relinquish their demands for the two points enumerated below. The owners pointed out that cinema workers were highly paid, a cleaner received IL22.50 a month (without social benefits); an usher, IL20; a cashier, IL20; and projectionists from IL21.50 for Grade B to IL22.50 for Grade A. However, Mr. Shaul Malachi, head of the Cinema Workers' Section in the Jerusalem Labour Council, says these figures are "misleading". For example, an usher at the Eden cinema with five years seniority, Mr. Meir Barak, receives IL22.50 a month. He has a wife and four children.

A "72-hour month," as he Tel Aviv. They now work a seven-day week with 72 hours a month, finish work about 5 p.m. on Friday and start again on Saturday morning.

They want to eliminate the Friday afternoon matinee, thus giving them a real work-week.

Replacements for workers on annual leave. At present, colleagues double up, do double duty.

The cinema-going public, largely forgotten and silent, is the third side in the dispute.

The public's main complaint is that low-priced tickets exist in name only. Theoretically, tickets sell for 475 pruta, 525 pruta, 650 pruta, 800 pruta, IL1, IL1.100, IL1.500, IL1.500, as well as for IL1.650, and on special occasions for IL1.750, IL2 and IL2.500.

Few Cheap Tickets

Yet few cinema-goers ever see the low priced tickets, although the owners claim that they are always available unless sold out. Customers complain they are always told that the low-priced tickets have been sold. Yet, upon entering the hall, they find the low-priced seats are empty.

Figures furnished by the Municipality show that the average price of a ticket sold during the 1958/59 fiscal year was IL1.125. Moreover, ticket prices have risen this fiscal year, and are again higher than those in Tel Aviv and Haifa. Taking two Jerusalem cinemas at random, the cheapest ticket which the Ron sells for evening performances is IL1 for rows 3-4. For rows 5-6, the price is IL1.150, and for rows 7-8, IL1.500. In the balcony, seats sell for IL1.650.

Prices at the Eden are still higher. Rows 1-7, IL1.150; rows 7-20, IL1.200; 21-26, IL1.750; and 27-34, IL2. Moreover, these prices rise when any film attracts large crowds. Much of the public would agree to pay these prices

if they were assured a minimum of comfort. This means short queues, being shown to their seats in a reasonable amount of time — at least before the lights are dimmed — a clean foyer and rest rooms, and comfortable seats (some cinemas do have the latter).

But these conditions are rarely fully met.

The cinemas have only one cashier in the box office, as compared to two in Tel Aviv. However, the owners themselves often pitch in during peak hours for brief periods.

The ushers cannot manage to seat more than half the audience before the show starts; there are not enough of them. A mandatory law (still in force) states that there must be one usher for every 250 seats. Yet the Eden with 1,650 seats has one usher for matinees and only two for evening performances; the Eden, with 1,100 seats, has the same number.

Cleaner-Ushers

The situation is slightly better in the other cinema, but comes nowhere near filling the requirements of the law. However, many of the owners draft their cleaners to help as auxiliary ushers during the peak rush.

The owners reply: we provide ushers for every customer, not for every 250 seats. Moreover, as the owners stated at a recent press conference, the ushers are "lazy and incompetent." The Ministry of Defence moreover makes us employ disabled veterans who are slack on the job and whom it is almost impossible to fire.

Mr. Shaul Malachi rejects these claims. When any man fails to work properly, he is fired. As proof he offers the fact that six persons including three war invalids have been sacked with the Council's consent in the past few years.

"One solution to the usher problem, the strikers themselves state, would be to have the owners paint legible numbers on the cinema rows and seats. Patrons could find their proper seats.

"If the cinemas are dirty, if the rest-rooms are unsanitary, if it is because the owners employ only one cleaner," Mr. Malachi states. In contrast, there are two cleaners for a cinema in Tel Aviv of 600 seats, and eight for one of 3,000.

The customers have other complaints: the halls are stifling in the summer (only three have air-conditioning); and freezing in the winter; the seats creak, they are uncomfortable, have open backs where the person behind often rests his shoes; the rows are too close together, forcing persons to sit with cramped legs; there is not always a chart of the seating arrangement at the box office so customers can see where their tickets are; and not all exit doors are opened after the show, forcing the audience to fight its way out.

Ticket Sales Up

The owners claim they cannot provide their cinemas with more personnel, or improve the theatres themselves owing to their financial straits.

Yet the number of tickets purchased rose from 2,377,000 in 1956/57 to 2,380,000 in 1957/58 to 2,439,000 in the last fiscal year, says where their tickets are; the cinema about 10 times during the 12 months.

In the 1958/59 fiscal year, these tickets brought in IL272,746.070. Of this sum, IL272,746.070 went to the Municipality in the form of amusement tax. However, the Municipality retained only IL749,241 of this sum, paying the Government almost all of the difference.

Nevertheless, this brought the Municipality an income during the fiscal year of only IL12,000 a day. This year, with prices higher, the city hopes that its date income will approach IL15,000.

Owners claim that only about 25-30 per cent of the seats are sold, as compared to 50-55 per cent in Tel Aviv. Workers counter by saying that prices in Jerusalem more than compensate the owners. Moreover, if they were to furnish their cinemas, provide adequate facilities and lower prices, attendance would also rise.

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